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OPR/FSD ~~Mr. Edward G. Boehm~~ May 31, 1968

L:L/C - Fabian A. Kwiatek

Dollar check in full and final payment of 34 U.S.S. Liberty death claims by the Government of Israel

There is transmitted herewith by Security Receipt No. S136194 dated May 31, 1968, a Treasury of the State of Israel check dated May 27, 1968, drawn to the order of The Treasurer of U.S. Government in the sum of 3,323,500 United States dollars in full and final settlement of the 34 U.S.S. Liberty death claims which were presented to the Government of Israel by US Embassy Notes Nos. 27 through 60 on December 29, 1967.

Section 547 of Title 31 of the US Code provides:

> "All moneys received by the Secretary of State from foreign governments and other sources, in trust for citizens of the United States or others, shall be deposited and covered into the Treasury.
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> "The Secretary of State shall determine the amounts due claimants, respectively, from each of such trust funds, and certify the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall, upon the presentation of the certificates of the Secretary of State, pay the amounts so found to be due.
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> "Each of the trust funds covered into the Treasury as aforesaid is appropriated for the payment to the ascertained beneficiaries thereof of the certificates provided for in this section. (Feb. 27, 1896, ch. 34, 29 Stat. 32.)"

It will be appreciated if your office will transmit the above-mentioned check to the Treasury Department for

deposit in accordance with the above-mentioned provision and inform L/C when the deposit has been made. Checks received in the past in connection with the settlement of claims against foreign governments have been deposited under SYMBOL NO. 19X8815, INDEMNIFICATION FUND, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

In the near future a determination will be made by the Legal Adviser pursuant to an appropriate delegation of authority from the Secretary of State regarding the names of the persons entitled to share in the above-mentioned amount and the sum each will be paid. At that time this office will inform FSD of the name of each payee and the amount involved and request that an appropriate check be issued in each case by the Department of the Treasury and sent to L/C for transmission to the payees.

Enclosure:
Treasury of the State of Israel check dated May 27, 1968 for $3,323,500.

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